



March 21, 2022

The Honorable John Fonfara
Chairman
Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 3700
Hartford, CT 06106

The Honorable Sean Scanlon
Chairman
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The Honorable Henri Martin
Ranking Member
Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee
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The Honorable Holly Cheeseman
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairmen Fonfara and Scanlon, Ranking Members Martin and Cheeseman:

I am writing on behalf of Booking Holdings Inc. ("Booking"), a leading provider of online travel services headquartered in Norwalk. Booking operates through several subsidiary brands, two of which are Priceline.com LLC ("Priceline"), headquartered in Norwalk, and KAYAK Software Corporation ("KAYAK"), headquartered in Stamford.

The Booking brands include Priceline, KAYAK, Booking.com, Agoda.com, Rentalcars.com and OpenTable. Together, Booking serves consumers, accommodations, restaurants and other travel partners in more than 220 countries and territories throughout the world. Booking has thousands of employees, many of whom live and work in Connecticut.

Booking supports Bill No. 5477 which would streamline the sales tax remittance process for marketplace facilitator transactions involving the rental of passenger motor vehicles. Traditionally, rental transactions are finalized when the customer picks up the vehicle at the airport or the rental company's place of business. This legislation will simply clarify that the sales taxes may be remitted by the rental car company as defined in section 12-692 and as has been the practice for many years. There is no adverse effect on revenue as the applicable sales taxes will continue to be remitted.

We appreciate the Committee's assistance in clarifying this matter and would appreciate your support.

Thank you.

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